

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed June 4, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The amendments made herein and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. It is requested that once the Examiner has had an opportunity to review this Amendment that the Examiner telephone the undersigned counsel so that the undersigned counsel can schedule a telephone interview with Examiner concerning the Amendment and the application.

No extension of time is believed to be required based upon the filing of this Amendment prior to the deadline of the three-month statutory period (i.e., September 4, 2004). Authorization is granted to charge undersigned counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing **Attorney Docket No. 107156-00093**, for any additional fees necessary for entry of this Amendment.

Independent claim 1 has been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments made herein are fully supported in the Specification and the drawings as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-3 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Yuen patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,659,367). Dependent claims 2-3 depend from independent claim 1. In making these rejections, the Examiner particularly noted that "Yuen shows [*sic*] information processing devices [recorder 742, and TV 14 in Fig. 20] [*sic*] are connected to cable box [730]" and that "while the recorder is connected to the cable box, the television guide data can then be recalled and displayed on television 14 via an on-screen display controller 756 [col. 22, ls. 1-3]". Claim 1 has been amended. The rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

The present invention provides a switchover device for effecting a switchover control among a plurality of information sources as well as among a plurality of information processing devices, such that information transmitted from the plurality of information sources are supplied to the plurality of information processing devices in a predetermined manner. The switchover device comprises a plurality of input terminals connected with the plurality of information sources; a first output terminal and a second output terminal connected with the plurality of information processing devices; switchover connection devices for effecting switchover connection between the plurality of input terminals on one hand and the first, second output terminals other; and a switchover control device for controlling the switchover of the switchover connection devices. It is respectfully submitted that the Yuen patent does not disclose or suggest the switchover device, as claimed in the present invention.

The Yuen patent discloses an apparatus for providing a television guide which includes a device for detecting whether a television is off, and a device for switching a signal output from a first television signal source to a second television signal source. Such does not disclose or suggest the switchover device, as claimed in the present invention. In particular, the Yuen patent does not disclose one of the most important features of the present invention, namely, that during a process in which an information transmitted from one information source is supplied to the plurality of information processing devices, once there is an interrupt request for supplying an information transmitted from another information source to the information processing devices, the switchover control device operates to control switchover connection device to stop supplying information between the first output terminal and one input terminal connected with said one information source, and to enable supplying information between the first output terminal and another input terminal connection with said another information source, further to keep

supplying information between the second output terminal and an input terminal connected with the one information source.

Rather, the Yuen patent merely discloses that a switch 700 is controlled by a VRC 740 and at any time an FET switch 710 of the switch 710 is controlled so that only one television source (information source), namely an antenna 702, a cable box 730 or a satellite receive 733, is enabled to be coupled to output 728. In contrast, the switchover device as claimed in claim 1 of the subject application permits simultaneous processing of information transmitted from a plurality of information sources by using a plurality of information processing devices. For example, the switchover device of the present invention may be installed in a car audio apparatus having a plurality of information sources including for example optical disc player, cassette player and tuner. During a process in which audio information transmitted from the optical disc player is being outputted via an audio reproducing/outputting device and recorded via a recording device, once there is an interrupt to supply audio information transmitted from the tuner, the switchover device will operate to stop supplying information from the optical disc player to the reproducing/outputting device, to start supplying information from the tuner to the reproducing/outputting device, and to continue supplying information from the optical disc player to the recording device. Thus, the reproducing/outputting device and recording device concurrently process the separate information supplied from the tuner and from the optical disc player. Accordingly, the Yuen patent does not disclose or suggest the switchover device, as claimed

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that each and every element recited within independent claim 1 is neither disclosed nor suggested by the Yuen patent, and therefore patentable and in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested.

It is further submitted that dependent claims 2-3 are also patentable and in condition for allowance due to their dependency upon independent claim 1, since the dependent claims differ in scope from the parent claims. Dependent claims 2-3 depend from independent claim 1, and thus are further limited to additional features of the invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are patentable over the Yuen patent for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 1. Reconsideration is requested.

Entry of this Amendment after final rejection is therefore submitted as proper in that it places the application in condition for allowance. Particularly, the present Amendment is submitted as not raising new issues or requiring further consideration or searching. Undersigned counsel would accordingly appreciate the Examiner telephoning counsel prior to the expiration of the six-month statutory period (i.e., December 4, 2004) to indicate the disposition of this Response.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned counsel at the telephone number, indicated below, to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

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